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## A reel expert

Theos Petek waits for a bite during the Canada Day kids' fishing derby in Minden July 1. See pages 20-21 for more Canada Day photos. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

## County ERs facing temporary closures

**By Mike Baker**

Despite previously committing to keeping the Haliburton and Minden emergency departments open throughout the summer, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is prepping the community on what to do in the event of a sudden, temporary closure.

The organization has launched a new 'Stop-Check-Go' campaign urging Highlanders to gauge whether their illness or injury warrants emergency care, and check if their closest emergency room is open before driving there.

The announcement comes in the midst of ongoing staff shortages, which have worsened in recent weeks.

"Although HHHS has worked extremely hard to ensure we have adequate staffing for the start of a busy summer, we continue to be in a precarious position with both nursing and physician shifts," said HHHS spokesperson Lauren Hunter. "We are working day and night to cover every shift... However, if a shift remains unfilled and there

is no back-up coverage available, HHHS would be forced to temporarily close the emergency department until the next full shift."

HHHS president and CEO Carolyn Plummer had previously stated the community would be given at least 24

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# Shutdowns due to chronic staff shortages

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hours’ notice before any closure, but Hunter indicated that may not be possible under present circumstances.

Currently, agency staff are covering around 54 per cent of all nursing shifts at HHHS’ emergency departments. Physician support is also being provided through the Health Force Ontario Emergency Department Locum Program.

“Part of our challenge is that critical staffing shortages are happening across the province, which means many facilities are relying on the same agency nurses and physicians to fill shifts,” Hunter said.

HHHS needs to hire between eight and 12 full-time nurses to support its emergency departments without assistance from agency staff.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott said she is continuing to work closely with HHHS to find solutions to local health care staffing shortages.

“Since March 2020, our government has implemented emergency programs that have added over 8,600 health care professionals to the health care system. We are also launching the Learn and Stay program for post-secondary students who enrol in priority programs such as nursing, adding hundreds of positions to medical schools over the next five years, and making it easier for foreign-trained medical professionals to overcome employment barriers,” Scott said.

Highlands resident Trevor Chaulk said

the staffing shortages are having a major impact on patient care, with increased wait times leaving many frustrated. Visiting the Haliburton emergency department June 30 with his 15-year-old son, who had badly cut his hand while at work, Chaulk said the pair were left to wait for five hours before being seen by a doctor.

“We got there around eight o’clock in the evening, and we weren’t called into the back room until after 1 a.m. It was fairly busy, but I’ve lived in this community for 15 years and have never had to wait that long before,” Chaulk said. “Usually, you’re in and out in two hours, maybe three hours tops.”

Chaulk’s son was eventually treated and the pair left at around 2:30 a.m.

“I just feel bad for the nurses and the doctors, because they’re run off their feet,” Chaulk said.

Hunter said ER wait times fluctuate significantly based on patient volumes, especially in light of recent staff shortages. Based on information from April to June, the average ER wait time at HHHS is two hours and 20 minutes. Hunter said the length of time spent in the ER from start to finish can vary from one to seven hours depending on the severity of the issue.

To avoid potentially lengthy waits, Hunter said HHHS is encouraging injured patients to stop and consider whether self-care can address their concerns.

If emergency care is needed, patients should check the status of their nearest emergency room by calling 705-457-1392 ext. 2555,



Haliburton Highlands Health Services warns that its two emergency departments are prone to sudden closures due to increasing issues surrounding staff shortages. *File.*

or by visiting hhhs.ca. In the event of a local emergency department closure, Hunter said paramedics will transport patients to the nearest emergency care centre, which could be Lindsay, Bracebridge, Bancroft, Peterborough or Huntsville.

Chaulk feels any decision to close the emergency departments in Haliburton or Minden could bring disastrous consequences.

“All this is going to do is create confusion and chaos, and possibly increase the risk of something bad happening... When someone

is in need of emergency assistance, the last thing they’re going to think to do is check to see if their local hospital is open,” Chaulk said. “A lot of people in our community live remotely and so could be driving a fair way to get to the hospital, only to find out it’s closed... In medical care, sometimes every minute counts.”

Hunter said if anyone is facing an emergency situation, they should call 911 and seek immediate assistance. *(with files from Sam Gillett).*




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# MP: Stimulate economy to fight inflation

By Mike Baker

MP Jamie Schmale said he's starting to feel the pinch as inflation reached a new 40-year high in May, causing concern in households across the Highlands.

The basic MP salary is \$182,600.

Statistics Canada reported June 22 that Canada's inflation rate hit 7.7 per cent as of May 31, with increased prices at the pumps a major contributor. Gas prices rose by 12 per cent in May, and are up by 48 per cent compared to this time in 2021. The recent decision by Ontario Premier Doug Ford to lower the gas tax by 5.7 cents per litre and the fuel tax by 5.3 cents per litre, which came into effect July 1, will provide some relief, but only runs until the end of this year.

The federal agency said bloated food prices were also a significant factor to the rise, with grocery bills up by almost 10 per cent over the past year.

While not surprised by the numbers, Schmale said the failure of the federal government and the Bank of Canada to slow inflation in recent months is concerning.

"Many people haven't seen this kind of price increase this quickly in their lifetimes. I'm worried about the people that are struggling to get by. It's getting harder and harder to make life work," Schmale said. "Any wage gains made over the past few years have been completely wiped out."

He's calling on the federal government to take a more serious approach to fixing the problem.

"One of the biggest drivers of this inflation is Ottawa printing money. Still, to this day, they continue to run the country on the credit card," Schmale said. "When they found themselves in a hole during the pandemic... the printing presses started up, which inflated the currency. They threw a bunch of money into the atmosphere, which caused the crazy price inflation we're seeing today."

According to Statistics Canada, the national money supply has increased by more than 22 per cent since January 2020.

## Getting a handle on inflation

Paul Beaudry, deputy governor of the Bank of Canada, said this record inflation is being driven by both domestic and international forces. He said the Canadian economy has

recovered much quicker than the central bank anticipated, with GDP growth pushing 3.1 per cent through the first quarter of 2022.

Job growth is also strong, with the national unemployment rate sitting at just above five per cent – a record low.

In many areas, demand is outstripping supply, which is causing prices to rise. Other factors, such as Russia's invasion of Ukraine and an increase in lockdowns in China have exacerbated the issue, Beaudry said.

He noted inflation wasn't a Canada-specific problem, with many other countries around the world also suffering. Inflation hit a new 40-year high in the UK in May, coming in at 9.1 per cent, with the likes of India (7.04 per cent), Germany (7.9 per cent), Spain (8.7 per cent) and the U.S. (8.6 per cent) also reporting bloated numbers.

Beaudry said the central bank plans to combat the issue by raising interest rates. The aim is to stop inflation before it becomes entrenched.

"Inflation becomes entrenched when it feeds on itself. Prices rise because other prices are rising and because the cost of labour is going up. In a situation like that, inflation becomes self-fulfilling because households and businesses expect that it will stay high or keep rising, and they act accordingly," he said in a recent presentation delivered to the Gatineau Chamber of Commerce.

The Bank cut its lending rate to 0.25 per cent in early 2020 to support the economy throughout the pandemic, but in recent months has implemented several increases in an attempt to discourage borrowing and stave off inflation. Another hike is expected later this month, which would bring the bank's key lending rate to 2.25 per cent – the highest benchmark in almost 15 years.

Beaudry said the end goal is to bring the rate of inflation down to around two per cent.

## Schmale remains skeptical

Schmale said it's hard to see any light at the end of the tunnel, with many experts predicting things will get worse before they get better. The MP said many families are suffering. He addressed Parliament June 24, sharing stories from constituents struggling to get by, with one resident reporting he's



HKLB MP Jamie Schmale said the federal government has done nothing to slow record inflation in recent months. *File.*

having to work upwards of 60 hours a week just to keep a roof over his family's head.

Schmale likened the Bank's current directive to a conductor trying to regain control of a train destined for derailment. One group, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, believes it's too late. They feel the Bank of Canada's strategy will likely trigger another recession.

Schmale believes that can be avoided if the country's natural resource sector can get back up and running. He's also calling on the Liberals to cut back on what he considers frivolous spending, criticizing the announcement of a new five-year \$5.3 billion investment to improve dental care services across the country.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said the new dental program could benefit around 6.5 million Canadians.

"The government needs to get some fiscal sanity back into its conversations... Even before the pandemic, every single year from 2015 to 2020 [we incurred] tens of billions of dollars in new debt. Vanity projects and programs pushed through. Then, when the pandemic hit, we didn't have the money, so we borrowed and we printed," Schmale said. "All that did was put us into an even bigger hole."

"Unless Ottawa starts to make some decisions that actually help those on the ground, life is not going to get any easier," Schmale said.



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# Minden Hills’ outsourced planners impact budget

By Sam Gillett

Minden Hills is set to continue its contract with a Peterborough-based planning company but pay far more for its services. With the town’s director of planning position still vacant, Minden Hills renewed its contract with D.M Wills and Associates Ltd., which has provided planning services since April 2021.

The contract has been extended for 12 months. The new agreement, approved by council June 30, includes a total hourly service rate that is 66 per cent higher than an initial contract.

A fee schedule shows five positions in 2021 totalling \$490 per hour.

For the next year, D.M. Wills has upped hourly rates and added new positions totalling an hourly cost of \$735.

D.M. Wills invoiced the municipality \$138,576.27 in its first six months operating as Minden Hills’ planners after Ian Clendening departed in Spring 2021.

Clendening was not named to the sunshine list, meaning he earned less than \$100,000 per year.

“We are required to have planning services in place. We are actively recruiting for in-house staff,” CAO Trisha McKibbin said.

Planners are responsible for processing shore road allowance applications, minor variance applications, policy development, site plan agreements and planning consultations.

Coun. Bob Carter asked if the agreement could be cancelled if Minden Hills acquired a planner.

McKibbin said the contract could be terminated with 15 days’ notice.

Neither McKibbin or Mayor Brent Devolin could be reached to provide further comment before deadline.

Devolin criticized provincial legislation requiring the township to delegate construction projects’ site plan approvals to the CAO and mayor.

Site plans are required for all developments, drawings that show the physical location of



Without a planner on payroll, Minden Hills is continuing to contract the service out to D.M. Wills and Associates Limited. *File.*

the development, any driveways, parking areas, landscaping features, fences as well as connected municipal services.

## Mayor criticizes rules

Ontario’s Bill 109 “More Homes for Everyone Act,” introduced this spring, changes provincial planning requirements in an attempt to speed up development, including site plan application approvals.

“This bill crosses the line for me. It... is disrespectful of processes in municipal governments,” Devolin said.

He objected to how the rules mean

building permits can be issued without council viewing or discussing the site plan application.

Site plan approval is a prerequisite for acquiring a building permit.

Carter said, “in doing this, they no longer have to come through council. Things can get past and shovels can be in the ground before the public are aware. One could wake up in the morning with an excavator on the lot next door. That’s probably an underfinanced consequence of doing this. I’m hesitant to make that change.”

McKibbin said the municipality was bound to the new rules.

“The challenge is the provincial policy has stipulated they’re not to come forward to council anymore,” she said.

The Ontario government claims the new legislation is aimed at clearing “red tape” hindering development in Ontario municipalities.

Delegating site plan approval to staff rather than council will “get the politics out of planning while continuing to ensure the objectives of site plan control are fully met,” states the province in a Bill 109 policy brief.

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Thousands of campers are returning to nearly 20 County summer camps. *File.*

# Summer camp season returns to the Highlands

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County welcomed children back to summer camps this week after a two-year COVID-19 hiatus.

“Summer has begun and, although we are not as full as we would ideally like, many programs are full or close to full,” said Bruce Dunning, executive advisor at Medeba.

Medeba is located on Kennisis Lake Road in West Guilford and has been operating for 70 years. Dunning has been with the camp for more than 42 of those years. He is transitioning to half-time work this summer from full-time.

He added that, as with most places, getting staff was more difficult this year so they are pleased that they have a “great” complement of workers heading into the season.

“I think there is a pent-up demand for kids to get to summer camp as they need the social interaction more than ever and camp is an amazing place for that and more,” Dunning said.

At Camp Wanakita, on Koshlong Lake, which dates back to 1953, senior regional manager camping and outdoor education, Andy Gruppe, said in their spring newsletter that they couldn’t wait to hear the sounds of talking and laughter over the lake again this summer.

“After cancelling our traditional YMCA Wanakita programs in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic, we are thankful to be able to bring children and families back to enjoy the activities and fun experiences they know and love,” he wrote.

He said gearing up for their summer camp season, “has not been without tremendous obstacles and we have made some challenging decisions around how we operate this summer.”

They cancelled their day camp programs in favour of positioning staff in overnight camp and family camp positions. “It was a difficult decision, but necessary,” Gruppe said.

In May, they also announced changes to session durations.

“Both of these were critical decisions based on the ongoing staff shortage that camps are experiencing industry-wide. Making these changes will allow us to ensure the health and safety of the campers in our care and program quality. They have always been our top priority and we will not compromise on

these priorities.”

He added campers will also see some improvements around camp this summer. While they have been limited in their program offerings over the past two years, Gruppe said the camp team has still been working tremendously hard.

“We are looking forward to sharing the memory and spirit of former camper Grace Lloyd, with the unveiling of Gracie’s Grove, and introducing the first group of campers to this beautiful area in her memory,” The former camper passed away Feb. 3, 2020 after a short illness. She was 14.

“This is going to be a summer to remember,” Gruppe said.

There are just shy of 20 summer camps in the Highlands.



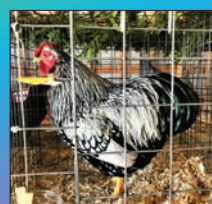
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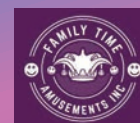
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# New leadership team at Archie Stouffer

By Lisa Gervais

They started as classroom teachers in Cardiff in 2004 and 2005, and now Mike Gervais and Lauren Alleway are reunited and taking a leadership role at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

Gervais has been named principal and Alleway vice principal of the Minden institution.

After Cardiff, they both moved on to other elementary schools in Haliburton County and are well-known educators of both students and colleagues.

They said they are “excited” about taking on their new roles for the 2022-23 school year.

“We know that we’re going to have a lot of fun together,” Alleway said before school broke June 30.

She added there had been a lot of improvements under former principal Dawn Sudsbury. “We both know that with our backgrounds in curriculum and as classroom teachers, we’re confident that we can keep that moving forward and continue to have a positive impact,” she added.

Gervais said both he and Alleway are raising their own children in the Highlands and have a vested interest.

“Having our kids connected to all the different things that happen in the County really ingrains our commitment to giving back, whether it be through our jobs or our involvement in the community,” Gervais added.

As for ASES, he said they are “blessed” to have taken over a school that already has so many “fantastic” people working there, from teachers to educational assistants and custodians. “Top to bottom, they are committed to making Archie an incredible place. We’re honoured to have that opportunity to work with these people and lead these people ... it’s a great group, very keen to become involved and provide opportunities for students to advance their learning and their own teaching practice, which is an amazing thing.”

As for what they would like to accomplish, Gervais said while the Leader in Me program is effective and inspires students to become trailblazers, they believe they can achieve the same goals, and seven habits of leadership, without using “a canned program.”

“We believe it’s ingrained in our school improvement plan, the Ontario curriculum and supported through board initiatives. Our focus at this school is a balance of achievement in academics and achievement in equity and inclusivity. So, we want to supply students with a safe place to learn, and we want to promote an environment that fosters the best opportunities to be successful in their learning.”

Alleway said for her the focus is recovering from COVID and tackling issues such as literacy. Sudsbury presented to the board last year, indicating 15 per cent of Gr. 2-8 students were reading at grade level.

The new VP said it’s about “closing some of those gaps.” She said during 2022, staff



Lauren Alleway and Mike Gervais along Leadership Ln. in the school.

Photo by Lisa Gervais.

had done a “really great job of getting started and recognizing what are the best practices to move forward with that ... staff spent a lot of time reflecting on the shifts they’ve made in order to have impact on student achievement and taking that information and continuing moving forward.”

Gervais said they had implemented specific and targeted instruction based upon the diagnostics to close the gaps. “Building our understanding of phonemic awareness and phonological awareness [sound structure of words]. We did targeted PD throughout the year, to build our teachers’ capacities to provide for these students based upon these

COVID gaps and we’re proud to say over half of our school now has already closed the gap and are reading at level in one year of what we consider a three-year plan.”

He added they are seeing more parents coming onboard to reignite the home-school connection for reading. Materials are again going from school to home and back again.

With math, they are also making strategic moves to close those gaps, he said.

“It’s all about knowing and understanding the needs of our learners, creating programming and connecting with families, whether academic or social.”



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# Harassment, vandalism prompt cameras

By Sam Gillett

Security cameras will be installed at the Scotch Line landfill in Minden Hills to combat vandalism, trespassing and harassment.

At a June 30 council meeting, manager of waste facilities, Nikkie Payne, said the OPP encouraged the idea after staff reported harassment issues.

“They’re really supporting that we have some sort of video surveillance at the sites... to identify any perpetrators,” said Payne. “It’s to protect not only township and contract staff but the township’s assets.”

Payne said she was not permitted to disclose details of the harassment concerns.

Trail cameras were previously installed at the site, but since the video data is stored on the camera, it’s easy to steal or erase.

Payne suggested getting cameras with cellular capabilities or secure data storage so the files could still be viewed if the camera was stolen or broken.

Under municipal security camera guidelines, the data on the cameras would only be viewed by Payne or the director of public works if unauthorized activities were happening or suspected to have happened.

Minden Hills’ policy states security cameras must be protected from unauthorized access. Payne said technically this would not allow the cameras to be mounted on the landfill’s gates or to have data stored remotely.

Council approved the exception to the rule with the assurance that “staff would

make all reasonable efforts to implement manual workarounds and to follow the video surveillance policy as much as possible.”

Iron Mine, Little Gull and Ingoldsby landfills don’t have cellular capabilities, so cameras would only be installed at the Scotch Line landfill. Payne said cameras could be installed at these sites later.

## Minden Hills responds to short-term rental study

Councillors had a chance to review progress and give feedback on the County’s ongoing short-term rental review.

“I’ve been watching it unfold at the County level and I’m still so concerned,” Coun. Pam Sayne told Jason Ferrigan of J.L. Richards and Associates (JLR), who delivered a report on the review.

Ferrigan said possible policy options include occupancy and stay duration limits, possible zoning rules and more.

More than 1,500 people responded to a short-term rental survey.

Ferrigan said it’s clear the community holds strong views for and against short-term rentals

“They are both influenced by and affect many aspects of community health and viability,” he said.

Sayne added that the lack of zoning rules unfairly prioritizes short-term renters over marginalized groups in the community.

“We are allowing it to happen as governance and yet when people are



Minden Hills is set to install cameras due to security concerns. file.

gathering in parks because they have nowhere to live, we’re kicking them out right away,” she said.

Coun. Bob Carter urged JLR to consider “responsible person” legislation. Municipalities such as the Bruce Peninsula require each short-term rental unit have a responsive contact able to deal with sound complaints, for instance.

“After the fact the township can go back to the owner and give them demerit points or pull their license.... I think the concept of a responsible person is a good way to control costs of enforcement,” Carter said.

## Inflation impacts municipal operations

Minden Hills roads crews are feeling the

impact of rising oil prices.


Director of public works, Mike Timmins, requested the roads capital project budget be boosted by \$50,000 from the township’s reserves to fund road resurfacing projects.

“Not only does the process rely on equipment, but there’s also a lot of oil-based processes involved in the work... it’s been drastically impacted by these rising costs,” Timmins said.

Costs currently sit at \$17,345.35 over budget, with another \$32,654 added for other possible fees.


Council also approved a contract extension for landfill services in Minden administered by Watson General Contracting which will rise by four per cent in 2022.

It will cost the township \$304,960.52 to run its landfills for the 12-month period, an \$11,729.25 increase from the initial quote.



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Don't settle for the new normal

I often glance at *Highlanders* from a year ago when I start to think about what we might write for each weekly edition. Looking at the archive from July 8, 2021, I saw we covered a slew of virtual graduations in the County. Because we were in the throes of COVID-19, Sam and I watched Zoom presentations prepared by some of the schools. And in that paper, we could only run file photos and submitted head shots. It was a bit anti-climatic for the grads, their families and friends, and for us. This year was quite a different and much more pleasant experience. Our high school, three elementary schools, and adult ed grads got to receive their diplomas in person for the first time since 2019. They had their names read, were able to walk on stage, be handed that coveted piece of paper, and pose for photos amid the cheers of onlookers. It felt completely and utterly normal and so long-awaited. History will reflect on what this crop of learners had to endure during a global pandemic. We can glean some information from the past, when schools were interrupted

by world wars, for example. The Science Table COVID-19 Advisory for Ontario talks about the significant education disruptions in Ontario, such as school closures, multiple models of educational provision and gaps in support for some students. There have been physical, mental health and safety harms for students and children. Some modelling has even suggested long-term impacts on students' lifetime earnings and the national economy. One local example is the impact on reading rates at Archie Stouffer ES. Outgoing principal Dawn Sudsbury told the TLDSB school board last year that only 15 per cent of Gr. 2-8 learners were reading at grade level. However, as the Science Table points out, existing information and analysis can inform strategies to minimize further pandemic disruptions to children's education and development. Incoming principal Mike Gervais said they have been tackling the issue and now more than 50 per cent of learners have already closed the gap in a three-year program. On the plus-side, I would argue that these

students may be more adaptable to change and resilient than graduating classes of the past. They have had to adapt in ways that may position them well for the future. In his address to students, JDH principal Dave Waito encouraged grads not to settle for a new normal. He said the new normal has a lulling sound to it. Rather, he encouraged them to do better than settle for the way things were. He urged the class to boldly pursue knowledge, social justice and change in their futures. It's a message for all of us, really, as we emerge from this two-year-long ordeal. It isn't enough to return to our new normal. We, too, should want more. And that means things such as valuing our human connections, doing our bit to help an ailing planet, and above all not taking anything for granted anymore.



By Lisa Gervais

HEALTHY LIVING IN THE HIGHLANDS

You can always upgrade your choices

I've got a couple of boys who love to experiment in the kitchen and I often use their enthusiasm to insert a "teachable moment" about healthy choices they can make. I attribute their eagerness to create and help out in the kitchen from starting them young. From the time they were old enough, they'd pull up a chair or sit right on the counter and help me peel or cut vegetables for soups and prepare meals. They'd love pouring over cookbooks with me, picking out recipes they wanted to try and helping me make meal plans for the week. (I did this with them so they'd agree to eat what I was making since they had input, sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't). So, here we are today, they're seven and nine, turning eight and 10 years old this fall and their confidence in the kitchen is pretty rock solid. Forest School finished for the year last week which means they've been home everyday this week and we've been enjoying an easy start to summer vacation before they get busy with summer camps. They've moved from going through our cookbooks for recipes to finding them online.

So, while I've been balancing working in my office and having them home, there's been a few times that they've surprised me with what they're getting up to in the kitchen. Their latest creation was a dessert style snack called "Churros." They're a sweet Mexican fritter and it was the first time I've ever tried them...Delicious. They got all the ingredients, the bowls, measuring cups and spoons out and got started until they got to a point where they needed me to help. (Rule #1- no cooking without an adult). So, why am I sharing this story with you and what does it have to do with health? Well, as I've helped the boys with numerous creations, we always talk about the ingredients and how they can be upgraded from what the recipe is calling for. • We'll often swap gluten free flour in place of regular flour. • Or we'll use organic flour in place of conventionally-grown flour. • We'll use grass-fed butter over margarine. • Coconut oil over vegetable oils. • Farm-raised eggs that are local in place of conventional eggs grown in a factory farm.

• Mexican vanilla in place of grocery store vanilla (luckily, we have friends in Mexico we get this from) and the list could go on but you get my point. There are always ways to upgrade your food choices so that your body will get the most out of what you're eating. This is the time of year when you can buy and eat local. If you're a baker or like to make preserves, pick your own berries and fruit and freeze or preserve them for the colder months. Your food will be more nutrient dense and it will taste better. So, the next time you're in the kitchen, creating your meals, ask yourself "how can I upgrade this?" Maybe it's making your own salad dressing instead of a store bought one. There are many ways you can uplevel all areas of your lifestyle and food is one of them.



By health coach Heather Battie

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## EYE ON THE STREET: Is inflation impacting your everyday spending?

by Sam Gillett



**Barbara Walford-Davis**

“We’re not driving as much and trying to watch what food we buy.”



**Pat Thornett**

“It’s hard at the grocery store.”



**Joe Gelinas**

“The price of everything has gone up: you have to pick and choose what is a priority.”



**David Rankin**

“It’s not yet.”



**Judith McNeilage**

“We definitely look for grocery sales.”

## LETTERS

### Tackle real problems

Dear editor,

As a full-time waterfront resident, on Boshkung Lake, I don’t understand why *The Highlander* and County council continue to go on about our “damaged” shorelines and/or our “soon to be damaged” shorelines by all the apparently bad cottagers and contractors? How our lake and river water qualities are getting worse... I do not see this happening.

Here are a few of my observations:

- As quoted in two articles in last week’s

newspaper, “there was a 60 per cent increase in complaints with regard to the current tree shoreline bylaw for a total of 82 site visits, six fines, 12 stop work orders and nine work orders for restoration.”

Since there are approximately 10,000 lakefront properties in Haliburton County, that’s 0.27 per cent of waterfront properties. 99.73 per cent of property owners are complying with the current shoreline tree bylaw (which I understand is the strictest in the province). That level of compliance is fantastic.

- There are fewer camps and old resorts on

all of Haliburton County lakes so the septic run off is less than it has ever been.

- There are much stricter building and septic rules than ever before.

• Reputable companies that work on waterfront properties are very aware and respectful of the tree bylaw and work with customers to meet their needs as well as protect the lakes – a total of six fines would indicate this truth.

- I boat around Big and Little Boshkung and 12 Mile lakes, which have approximately 900 lakefront properties combined, and see no shoreline damage, that has happened,

since the tree bylaw went into effect in 2012.

Considering the above points, our lakes are healthier than ever. There is no science that says they are not. Why are we spending so much time energy and money on a problem that is not really a problem?

Affordable housing, lack of workers, too much dangerous illegal drug use ... these are real problems that need our attention.

**Michele Bromley**  
*Algonquin Highlands*

## CLIMATE CORNER

# Agriculture and climate change

### Problem:

Food production, its associated land use, transport and waste are said to contribute 16 billion tonnes of greenhouse gases each year. That is about 30 per cent of total human-caused greenhouse gas emissions. Farming techniques and a reliance on animal-based diets are primarily to blame.

Global consumption of meat was 324 million metric tons in 2020. Poultry and pork are the majority, but the estimated global demand for milk and bovine meat is 43.9 billion kilograms of protein. As they digest their food, cattle produce and emit methane, a potent greenhouse gas. This methane makes up 27 per cent of human-responsible methane emissions and creates a major concern for global warming (Global Methane Initiative, 2020).

Scientists estimate that at least 50 per cent of the carbon in Earth’s soils has been released into the atmosphere over the past centuries, largely due to farming practices. Degraded soil quality from over-tilling, fertilizers, nutrient runoff and water misuse are other negative effects of the meat and milk industry.

Manure and contaminants from conventional agriculture (antibiotics, metals, microplastics, fertilizers, herbicides,

pesticides) seep into natural ecosystems.

Transporting food around the world contributes to three billion tonnes - 19 per cent of total food emissions - a year. The distance from where food is produced to where it is eaten is called “food miles.”

One-third of the world’s food is never eaten. Producing uneaten food squanders resources - seeds, water, energy, land, fertilizer, hours of labor, financial capital - and generates greenhouse gases at every stage. Wasted food is responsible for roughly eight per cent of global emissions.

### Solutions:

Project Drawdown’s Improved Cattle Feed lowers methane emissions by replacing conventional low-digestible feed (high-fiber grasses and corn) with nutrient enriched high-quality forages (legumes), feed additives that directly reduce methane by 30 per cent, and supplements (maize, soy). While also increasing milk production, the improved feed could reduce carbon dioxide equivalent emissions by 4.42–15.05 gigatons by 2050.

Regenerative Agriculture encourages responsible farming practices such as reduced tillage, use of cover crops, efficient grazing, and manure management. This

approach uses sustainable animal-sourced products, composting and green manure. It reduces emissions, increases soil’s organic matter and its health by sequestering carbon back in the soil (Kiss the Ground/Soil Health Institute).

Conservation agriculture is an approach that minimizes soil disturbance, protects soil with vegetation, and varies crops from year to year. Land becomes more resilient to climate-related events such as long droughts and heavy downpours (Soil Health Institute).

There is now a shift in focus from annual to perennial grains, legumes and oilseeds that are more robust (e.g. have longer root systems), can protect the soil from erosion, and can improve soil structure, nutrient retention, carbon sequestration and water infiltration (The Land Institute, Salina, Kansas). Focusing on biodiversity and climate-resistant crops can help smaller scale farms.

Collecting food waste from restaurants, schools, hospitals, camps to supply to food banks is now becoming commonplace. The unused food is transformed into meals for immediate or later use. Project Drawdown’s Reduced Food Waste solution involves minimizing food loss and wastage from all stages of production, distribution, retail, and

consumption.

Precision fermentation uses microbial proteins to make flour from which humans can obtain all required proteins and fats (e.g. Hoxton Farms). See George Monbiot’s *Regenesi: Feeding the World Without Devouring the Planet*.

“Redefine Meat” is a company that makes 3-D printer steak from plant proteins.

### What you can do:

- Shifting toward a plant-rich diet (typically healthier for us) can lead to globally significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- Purchase locally produced food when available - “local” means within 161 km radius of your home.
- Join or create a community garden or co-op.
- Visit and join Haliburton Farmers Market.
- Share greenhouses and garden produce with neighbours.
- Find the local restaurants that promote locally grown produce.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

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# The Drop Zone coming to West Guilford

By Mike Baker

If you build it, they will come. That’s the mantra being used by three long-time County residents who have established a new pop-up arcade at the West Guilford Community Centre.

The Drop Zone will operate every Friday at the facility throughout the summer, with select Saturdays also on the schedule. Cousins Susan Bridge, Lynne Stamp and Cheryl Cooper have spent months building the operation after becoming disillusioned over the lack of children’s activities in West Guilford in recent years.

“We grew up here on Pine Lake and when we were kids there was a lot of stuff for kids going on here at the centre. Over the past year, we started talking and thought it would be great if there was more for children and families to do in this community... so we decided to make it happen,” Bridge said. “We started a non-profit called Families in Motion, and got to work on various projects and programs. The Drop Zone will be our first initiative.”

The trio received a \$5,000 grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation to help with start-up costs, and have invested an additional \$5,000 of their own money.

The Drop Zone will debut this weekend, running Friday and Saturday from 4 to 9 p.m.

Bridge says she’s expecting it to be busy. “There’s a lot of excitement. Everyone we’ve told about this has just been over the moon. I think it will be a great addition for our little community,” she said.

There will be various arcade-style games available, including brand new pinball machines. The team has also purchased air hockey and foosball tables, while there will be karaoke for the musically inclined.

Stations will be set up for younger children, with train and Lego tables planned for this weekend. There will also be an indoor putting green and floor curling, something



Cousins Susan Bridge, Lynne Stamp and Cheryl Cooper have created The Drop Zone, a new arcade for kids in West Guilford. Submitted.

Stamp hopes will encourage parents to stick around.

“We want this to be a very family-friendly operation, so we’ll have activities appropriate for all ages. We’re hoping that parents will not necessarily just drop their kids off, but join them and come inside to see what we have to offer.”

Each night at The Drop Zone will end

with a movie, beginning at 7:30 p.m. This weekend’s offerings include *The Emoji Movie*, airing Friday, and *The Batman*, being shown on Saturday.

Long-term, Bridge says she and her cousins have big plans for Families in Motion. They hope to offer special events through another venture they’re calling The Celebration Station, where people can book equipment

for birthdays and other parties. The trio also wants to establish various holiday camps in the future.

To mark their grand opening, Stamp says there will be face painting, door prizes and other giveaways throughout the weekend. Entry is \$5 per person.

For more information, visit [familiesinmotion.ca](http://familiesinmotion.ca).



## REQUEST FOR TENDER

### CONSTRUCTION OF SKI CLUB/GARAGE AT GLEBE PARK

The Municipality of Dysart et al is requesting tenders for the construction of a ski club/garage located at Glebe Park.

Tenders must be received on or before 12:00 p.m. EST on Monday, July 18, 2022.

Specifications and Tender Forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, ON or online at <https://www.dysartetal.ca/en/municipal-government/bids-and-tenders.aspx>



## MBC Lakes AGM meeting notice

Residents and cottage owners of Maple Lake, Cameron Lake and Beech Lake are invited to our annual AGM meeting being held on July 9th 2022, 9:30 am at the Stanhope firefighters hall, 1123 North Shore Rd, Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1, Canada.

Renew your membership or become a new member during the meeting, if you can't attend the meeting here's how you can renew or become a new member of MBC lake association: <https://mbclakes.ca/membership-account/membership-checkout/>

We're looking forward to see you at the AGM meeting on July 9th 2022.



## REQUEST FOR TENDER

### CONSTRUCTION OF OUTDOOR RINK AT HARCOURT COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Municipality of Dysart et al is requesting tenders for the demolition and construction of an outdoor rink located at the Harcourt Community Centre. Tenders must be received on or before 12:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday July 20, 2022.

### CONSTRUCTION OF OUTDOOR RINK AT WEST GUILFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Municipality of Dysart et al is requesting tenders for the demolition and construction of an outdoor rink located at the West Guilford Community Centre. Tenders must be received on or before 12:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

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This is the eighth in a series profiling the unique challenges and successes of Haliburton County musicians through COVID-19.



Jim Love performed a sold-out set at the Dominion Hotel June 4. *Submitted.*

## New album a labour of Love

By Sam Gillett

“Exquisite.” That’s how Jim Love said it felt to shoulder his acoustic guitar once more and strum songs from his latest album, *Last Man Standing*, to a live crowd at the Dominion Hotel June 4.

“To see the impact your songs have on the audience, it’s the greatest thing,” he said.

The album, released in April, was brought to life with help from well-known friends in the songwriting community, such as Katherine Wheatley.

“People were very, very generous with their time,” Love said.

Love’s songs take the listener to smoky bars, moonlit streets and into the psyche of lovesick wanderers.

“I think they’re vignettes from people’s

lives,” Love said. “If there’s anything that is expressed in my music, it’s that longing for relief, that feeling of letting go.”

In the title track, Love sings about an aging crooner, watching the world he once knew slip through his fingers as musical greats fade away. All that’s left are memories as he sits alone at the bar.

That song started with a friend telling him he felt like the last man standing. Love found the line captivating. “This generation will fade, but the music will live on,” he said.

Like many of his songs, he then sat down and got to work. “You work at a song and you have to bring it to life,” he said.

James Taylor, Bob Dylan, John Prine; Love absorbed the storytelling skills of these musical greats as a young adult. Their influence echoes throughout his work,

weaving a plucky guitar, wistful backup vocals and even an accordion with lyrics he’ll meticulously work over until they feel right.

On this album, crafted in the depths of COVID-19, Love worked remotely with musicians such as Wheatley. He said that made for a strange experience.

“I saw more of the band in our first album because there was no COVID,” he said. Despite working apart, he’s received accolades from friends in music around the country on his latest set of tunes. “It really hits home, when great musicians send you a note and say ‘this is brilliant.’”

You can listen to *Last Man Standing* online at [music.jimlove.com/album/last-man-standing](https://music.jimlove.com/album/last-man-standing).



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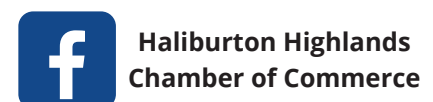
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Left: “Breaking out of our comfort zone can be rewarding, no matter how terrifying,” said valedictorian Jenna Gray. *Photo by Sam Gillett.* Right: from top left: graduates Malia Kessler, Nicole Tobin, Jenna Gray, Damien Woods, Brietta Lee-Ruttan, Taylor Jackson, Lucy Neville, Roxann Dennis, Dylan Blight, Patrisha Schmid and Dakota Mahler. *Submitted.*

# Adult students launch futures with diplomas

By Sam Gillett

Friends and families crowded in McKeck’s Tap and Grill to celebrate Haliburton Adult and Alternate Education Centre (AAEC) graduates June 27.

“Today is about you: I want you to remember the emotions you have today,” principal Lisa Uldriks told graduates. “The joy of your friends and family... those are the things that are most important.”

As each person accepted their diploma, administrator and head teacher Lori Sargent recalled personal anecdotes about their unique journeys through the education centre.

Many were balancing school with full-time work, kids or even learning from afar in northern Ontario.

“I’m proud of every one of you,” said Sargent, who gave a special nod to parents and support people who assisted each graduate along the way, drove them to class or helped with childcare.

She said valedictorian Jenna Gray worked especially hard to acquire her diploma. “Her focus was incredible,” Sargent said.

Gray told the class, “we all had something that brought us to the AAEC, and while our reasons may differ, we all had the same goal. We are launching our futures today. We already know that life has twists and turns, and the future

will not be any different. We will make decisions, good or bad, and learn from them. We know some days are about making memories and that is just as valuable as any work we may need to do.”

Uldriks delivered school trustee Gary Brohman’s remarks in his absence.

“Keep building trustworthy relationships and good things will happen,” Brohman said.

Teacher Greg Shantz said each student faced adversity in their journey to complete their high school degree but worked hard at the education centre to achieve their goals. “They get here and they start figuring it out. It’s just awesome to see.”

**Awards:**

**Valedictorian:** Jenna Gray

**Principal’s award:** Patrisha Schmid

**OSSTF post-secondary award:** Evan Klatt

**OSSTF academic award:**  
Lucy Neville (Ontario Scholar)

**OSSTF achievement award:** Nicole Tobin


**CUPE 997 co-op experiential award:**  
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Valedictorians Daxton Underwood and Ruby Morrison applauded the class's accomplishments. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

# Wilberforce grads show perseverance

By Sam Gillett

A teary-eyed crowd cheered as Wilberforce Elementary School's graduating class of 2022 collected their diplomas June 21 at the Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre.

"After two long years of doing virtual [graduations] we're here," said trustee Gary Brohman.

He commended the class for its perseverance during the past years of online learning, separation from friends and cancelled extracurricular activities.

"Your dedication will carry you through high school and the adult world beyond," he said.

Teacher Jacob Findeis noticed students' dedication too.

"These kids have kept going," Findeis said. "They've been there every day, they keep

trying, they bring a positive attitude. They're going to take that gumption they've shown in the last years and the sky is the limit for this crew."

He added that as well as being hard workers, the graduating class is filled with kind kids.

"They're really genuinely nice people," he said.

Findeis offered one piece of advice for the students, who will be moving on to high school. "It's okay not to know, it's not okay to not try."

Valedictorians Ruby Morrison and Daxton Underwood spoke of the tight-knit class history together, and their hope to find a little bit of Wilberforce at Hal High.

"Now we're going to high school where we can find fun, activities and hopefully teachers like Mr. Findeis," Morrison said.

## Awards:

**Perseverance:** Chelsea Chamberlain

**The Arts:** Cameron Waugh

**Athletic:** Ruby Morrison

**French:** Ruby Morrison

**Most improved:** Jordan Amos

**Academic:** Ruby Morrison

**Citizenship:** Keira Alden

**Leadership (Taylor Donaldson leadership award):** Ruby Morrison

**Literacy:** Daxton Underwood

**Mathematics:** Ruby Morrison

**ETFO social justice award:** Keira Alden

**Canadian Parents for French award:** Keira Alden

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Abby Schreiber-Newlove shakes hands with principal David Waito. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

# JDH celebrates growth

By Sam Gillett

J. Douglas Hodgson Gr. 8 valedictorian Sadie Evans-Fockler said the school has been “such a place of growth” for her and her fellow graduates as they prepare for the short walk to Hal high in September. She delivered an address to the standing-room-only crowd celebrating the school’s Gr. 8 graduates June 28.

“Here’s where we grew from little kids to young adults. Watching all of us grow and change has been such an amazing experience,” Evans-Fockler said.

“All the memories made, the friends that we’ve had, the good times we’ve had, all went by in a blink of an eye.”

As she and her classmates crossed the stage, Gr. 8

teachers read what each student hoped to achieve in 10 years. Goals included home ownership, working their dream jobs, writing books, furthering their education and playing professional sports.

Principal David Waito urged the class not to settle for a “new normal” after COVID-19.

“The new normal has a lulling sound to it. I hope we can do better than settle for the way things were.”

He urged the class to boldly pursue knowledge, social justice and change in their futures.

Trustee Gary Brohman’s remarks were read in his absence. He told the graduates to “do what is right, each and every day,” and to remember their parents can give good advice.

“Wisdom is a gift your parents have a ton of, believe it or not,” Brohman said.

## Awards:

- Award of academic excellence:** Aurora Wesley, Benjamin McMahon, Hazel Jones
- Award of outstanding distinction:** Owen Megreh-Poppe, Josh Scheffee, Owen Sisson
- Citizenship award:** Carter Mitchell, Olivia Gruppe
- Canadian Parents for French Award:** Owen Sisson, Jordanna Jennings
- Athletes of the year:** Evan Backus, Graham Backus, Lara Gallant
- Ontario Principals’ Council award:** Sadie Evans-Fockler
- Rising star award:** Colton Foley, Frankie Vaillancourt, Matthew Dovell, Rilynn Bain

## Subject award winners:

- Visual arts:** Rosie Lafleur, Danica Hall, Dan Barry, Serenity Bradley, Adria Berry
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Left: The grads in the ASES gym. Right: Valedictorian Grace Alder delivers her address. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

# Wildcats roar one last time in Minden

**By Lisa Gervais**

Thirty-nine Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) students crossed the stage to get their Gr. 8 diplomas June 24 – releasing their final Wildcats’ roar as they go onto high school in the fall.

Valedictorian Grace Alder led that final roar as she made her address to a packed gymnasium of families and friends.

She recalled that for some students, elementary school had been a 10-year journey at ASES, learning academic and life

lessons. She said they could not have done that without their parents and teachers.

Referencing COVID-19, which impacted parts of three of those years, she added, “I’m not going to lie, it wasn’t always easy. It wasn’t always fun. But we got through it, didn’t we?”

Haliburton trustee Gary Brohman said the perseverance and hard work, especially during the pandemic, has prepared the students for the move on to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. “If you beat COVID you can beat anything.”

He urged them to be unafraid of high school, which he said is a great place replete with sports, music and drama. “Really, really get involved.” He also stressed the importance of going to class.

He also encouraged them to speak up positively to make a difference in the world. He added they should use their parents’ wisdom and not shut them out during their four years at HHSS, since they are on their children’s sides with unconditional love and want the best for them.

Brohman acknowledged past and current

administration for their leadership through COVID, and teachers for their “unwavering commitment to excellence in education, and character education” despite all of the challenges the pandemic threw at them. “You did it, congratulations.” He also paid tribute to sports staff.

Outgoing principal, Dawn Sudsbury, urged grads to “dream big.” She said with desire, commitment and worth ethic they could achieve all of their dreams.”

## Class of 2021-22:

Grace Alder, Elizabeth Allin, Colton Ansley, Clementine Bainbridge, Erik Bird, Paige Brosseau, Jaylynn Bull, Tory Byrnes, Lilly Casey, Ava Code, Braxton Cooper, Jacob Davis, Ethan Durepos, Emily Graves, Emma Hewitt, Isabelle Horner-Xerri, Ethan Hullah, Lundyn Hutchinson, Carson Jones, Ryan King, Austin Latanville, Don Lowe, Austin MacKay, Ryan Miller-Anderson, Jace Mills, Shayla Newhook, Chloe Paradie, Madison Penick, Jenna Pletch, Devon Porter, Piper Porter, Layne Robinson, Mclean Rowden, Parker Simms, Sydney Steffensen, Finn Taylor-Bayly, Jennifer Upton, Madelyn Walker, Owen Whitteken

## Awards:

**Horseshoe Lake science and technology award:**

Ava Code and Isabelle Horner-Xerri

**TD Canada Trust English award:** Clementine Bainbridge and Erik Birk

**CIBC math award:** Elizabeth Allin and Lilly Casey

**French award:** Grace Alder and Isabelle Honer-Xerri

**Tim Harrison award for music:** Elizabeth Allin and Tory Bynres

**ASES award for the arts:** Emily Graves and Paige Brosseau

**Minden Hills Museum History award:** Jaylynn Bull and Tory Byrnes

**ASES geography award:** Owen Whitteker and Ethan Durepos

**Arcadia Masonic Lodge award:** Sydney Steffensen

**Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario leadership award:** Austin Mackay

**Alan Walker Memorial Award for citizenship:** Erik Bird

**Award for academic excellence:** Elizabeth Allin

**Character education award:** Paige Brosseau

**Sarah Bloomfield award:** Ethan Hullah

**Athletic sportsmanship award:** Lilly Casey and Owen Whitteker

**Athletic achievement award:** Maddy Walker and Austin Latanville

**Principal all-round student award:** Maddy Walker

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Top: Eight graduates received school letters to mark their academic excellence at HHSS. Front, from left: Savannah Byers, Cassidy McMullen-Szpik, Jackson Wilson, Ava Smith, Brooke Stover. Back, from left: Isabella Smolen, Emma Miller and Crystal Petry. Bottom left: Ava Smith, Brooke Stover and Emma Thompson revel in the moment. Bottom right: McKenna Johnston poses for a photo on stage with principal Chris Boulay. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

# HHSS recognizes ‘special’ graduating class

**By Mike Baker**

There were smiles and tears at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School as 99 graduating students closed the book on high school.

An in-person ceremony June 29 celebrated the achievements of the class of 2022. Hundreds watched as their loved ones made the ceremonial walk across the stage, ushering in a new period of their lives.

Former HHSS principal and current Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) trustee Gary Brohman told graduates they embodied tenacity and commitment.

“These past four years in this high school

proved what you’re capable of,” Brohman said, before encouraging graduates to chase their dreams and never be afraid to stand up for what it right. “Use your voice. These are troubled times. We’re counting on you to make [the world] a better place.”

Principal Chris Boulay was excited to host an in-person graduation for the first time in three years. He commended the students for pivoting throughout COVID-19.

Boulay expressed confidence this year’s class will go on to do “great and wonderful things.”

“This evening is one for you to cherish forever... I’m very proud of you and all that you have achieved,” Boulay said.

“Remember always to model our credo of respect, commitment and responsibility each and every day. We are counting on you. You represent our future. You are changemakers.”

Forty-eight students received awards and scholarships, with eight garnering school letters, recognizing academic excellence. Courtney Semach was given the Governor General’s Academic Medal, while Grace Hudson received the Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Community Service.

Valedictorian Ethan Volochkov recalled his first-ever class at high school and writing it off because he had gym.

“I remember thinking how grueling the next four years were sure to be, but to my

absolute delight they have been some of the best of my life,” Volochkov said. “All of us have been through a lot the past few years... We made it through COVID, online school, education cuts and so much more.

“We stayed strong through the trials and tribulations... When the world took things from you, instead of giving in, you adapted, you evolved and made a bad situation a little more bearable. We should all be proud of that,” Volochkov said. “Whether you have a 10-year plan, or absolutely zero concept of what life outside high school will look like, I know we will all go on to do great things, whatever they may be. It is time to spread our wings and fly, Red Hawks.”



Top: Aryah Sullivan beams from ear to ear as she makes her way to the stage. Inset: Valedictorian Ethan Volochkov prepares to deliver his speech. Bottom: Alyssa Morrisette is congratulated by TLDSB trustee Gary Brohman. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

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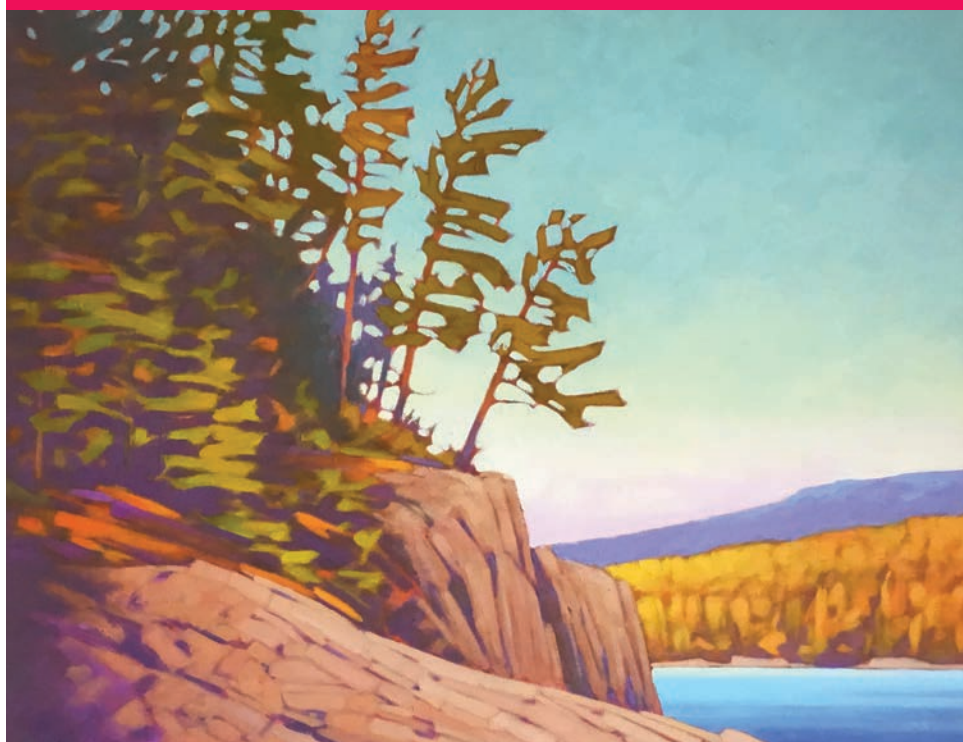


**HSF debuts *The Sound of Music***

The Haliburton Highlands are alive with *The Sound of Music*. The Highland Summer Festival's (HSF) production of the classic premiered July 4 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The premiere performance in HSF's 2022 season is delivered by a largely local cast and crew. Ali Powell leads the way as Maria, a nun-to-be who ends up as the musical governess to the von Trapp brood. Tim Clarke also stars as the brooding Baron von Trapp and Rita Jackson as Mother Abbess. River Christiano navigates young adulthood as the fiercely independent Liesl deals with an ill-fated romance with Rolf (Mac Rider). Duncan Evans-Fockler and Tommy Griffith play the gruff but sensitive boys Kurt and Friedrich, while Brooke Gooley plays wise-beyond-her-years Brigitta. Evelyn Mardus and Penelope Irvine also star as Marta and Gretl. Directed by Scot Denton, *The Sound of Music* plays until July 14. Tickets are available online at [highlandsummerfestival.ca](http://highlandsummerfestival.ca), over the phone at 705-457-9933 or in-person before the show.

Top: Maria (Ali Powell) sings through the storm with the von Trapp kids. From left: Liesl (River Christiano), Kurt (Duncan Evans-Fockler), Gretl (Penelope Irvine), Friedrich (Tommy Griffith), Brigitta (Brooke Gooley) and Marta (Evelyn Mardus). Bottom: Brigitta (Brooke Gooley) and Kurt (Duncan Evans-Fockler) dance at the von Trapp house. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*

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**Kids cast in record-setting fish derby**

The Canada Day Kids Fishing Derby returned to the Gull River July 1 after a two-year hiatus. Rainy weather didn't stop a record-setting 336 children from registering for the contest. Dozens of community businesses donated hundreds of prizes from bikes to electronics to fishing rods, ensuring every kid got a prize. After the last fish was weighed in, Owen Esteve reeled in the biggest catch, with Cole Fielding placing second and Jack Clement third.

Top: Kenzie Miscio caught a 1.7 lb bass. Bottom: First place angler Owen Esteve with organizer Tom Neville and his new electric scooter prize. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*



## Canada Day in the Highlands

After two years of pandemic restrictions, Haliburton County celebrated 155 years of Canada from Minden to Wilberforce and beyond.

Left: Minden's celebrations drew a crowd of more than 400. Top right: There was face painting, children's games, food and fireworks in Gooderham. Bottom right: Leah and Hazel Alder take part in a Canada Day minnow race on Water Street. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*



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Watson, Harlow and Scarlett at Schools Cool in 2021. File.

## School's Cool remedies COVID learning delays

For many kids, virtual classes, masking and cancelled activities meant it's been a hard time to start school.

School's Cool, a free tutoring program aimed at kindergarten and pre-kindergarten learners, aims to provide a fun space to catch up on learning this summer.

In 2021, 93 kids took part from across Haliburton County, Kawartha Lakes and Muskoka.

The six-week program, administered by SIRCH Community Services, runs from July 11 to Aug. 18 at Stuart W. Baker Elementary School.

"School's Cool is a play-based program that increases developmental skills by nearly one year over a six-week period," said SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson in a media release. "Research shows that those gains are sustainable, resulting in higher Grade 3 testing scores. Past graduates and their parents still talk about the impact that the School's Cool program had on their school success."

SIRCH reports that last year, Schools Cool instructors saw kids develop social

development skills, learn how to stick to routines and build confidence.

Last year, School's Cool instructors saw vast improvements with many of the children in the program, which focused on social development, routines, and confidence-building.

"I was nervous how he would adjust to school because he hasn't left home since COVID. So, he didn't get any preschool/daycare exposure," said Leanne Young, who sent her sons Asher and Isaiah to the program. "Isaiah was really struggling with not having school since April (2021). So, I thought the routine would be good for him," she told SIRCH.

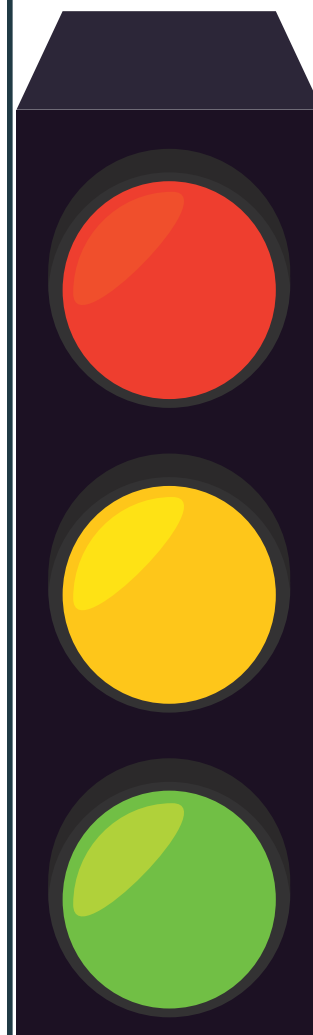
"Isaiah's behaviour drastically improved. He was really missing socializing with other kids and having a routine of in-school activity. He hated virtual school. Asher's vocabulary improved and he was so excited to tell me what they did every day."

Parents can register their kids for the program at SIRCH or find out more by calling 705-457-1742 or emailing [info@sirch.on.ca](mailto:info@sirch.on.ca). (Sam Gillett).

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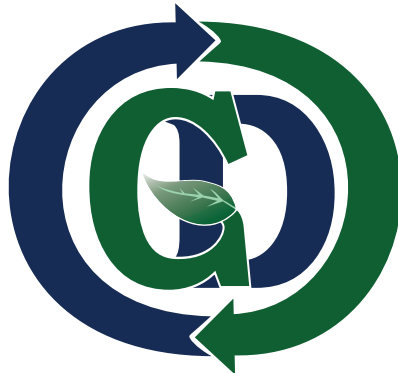
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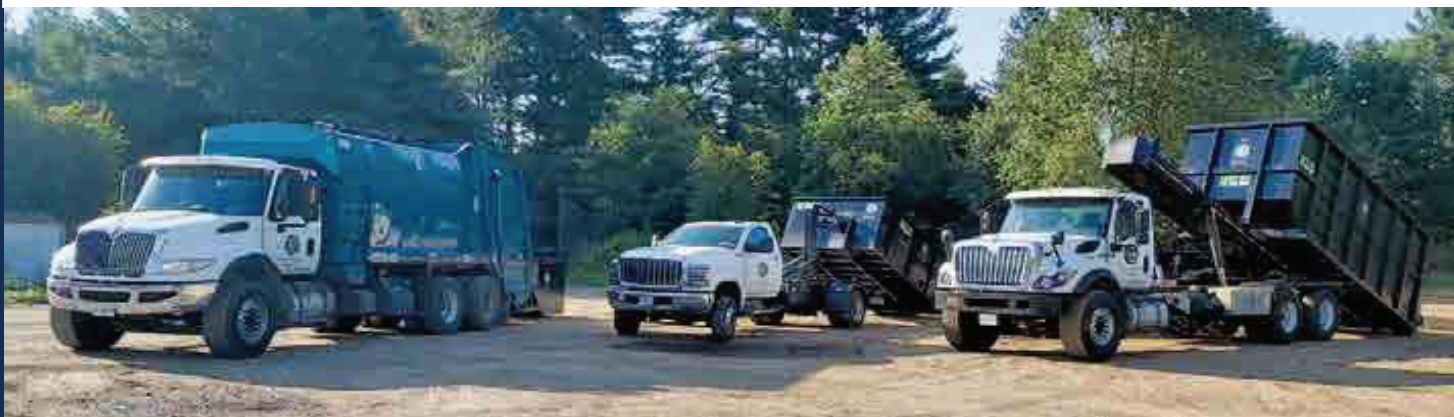


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## Lumber prices falling back to normal

### Supply chain issues still affecting Highlands construction

By Mike Baker

After a whirlwind second half of 2021, where the cost of lumber and other essential building materials practically doubled in a matter of weeks, prices have fallen more in-line with pre-pandemic levels this year, according to Kim Emmerson, owner of Haliburton's Emmerson Lumber.

An increased supply of popular woods such as spruce, pine and cedar has helped to stabilize the market in recent months, a much-needed correction according to Emmerson after many contractors suffered a challenging building season last year.

But things are far from perfect, he added.

"If you were trying to compare the market with a year ago, then it is definitely better.

But have the issues been solved? Not a chance," Emmerson said. "Right now, it depends on the item. Sometimes things are available and sometimes they aren't. The fundamentals of the business, being lumber and plywood, that's quite available now. And it has dropped in price back to pre-COVID levels too."

Supply chain issues and increased demand last year saw prices skyrocket, with a common 2 x 4 western spruce-pine-fir selling for as much as \$1,300 (USD) per thousand board feet in the spring – nearly twice the previous 52-week average of \$773.

As of June 22, that same order would run \$630 according to the Canadian Forest Service.

Costs of other products, especially those made out of plastic, remain quite high, Emmerson said. And the products themselves



The cost of lumber has decreased dramatically from this time last year, returning to pre-pandemic levels. *Photo by Metrocreative.*

can be difficult to find.

"PVC is still quite elusive and can be a challenge to get. Manufactured goods are still taking a long time to come in, too. For instance, windows – you could be waiting up to 16 weeks for an order to arrive," Emmerson said. "Before COVID, if you wanted a window, you could get one quite easily within a month. Now you're waiting at least four times that long."

While last year's issues in the supply chain could be largely attributed to a lack of products, this year it seems there's a shortage of delivery options. Many trucking companies are reporting major labour shortages, meaning there are fewer drivers on the road.

"It ebbs and flows. For instance, copper wire wasn't available for months and months, but now we have quite a lot. ABS pipe is starting to come in now, but that wasn't available for a long time last year," Emmerson said. "Items such as manufactured floor joists are very scarce right now, very difficult to find."

Steel remains in short supply too, and has proved the exception to the rule as far as price corrections go.

"The price of steel has gone berserk," Emmerson said. "A lot of that has to do with supply. There are still problems with containers coming in from the east. That's proving to be a pretty significant issue for the industry."

Emmerson said he isn't expecting a major shift in lumber prices or availability again this year.

"There's lots of supply right now, and there's somewhat less of a demand from what we saw last year because of rising interest rates, and the higher cost of living. Gas prices have had a bad effect, I think," Emmerson said. "Last year was kind of like a perfect storm. There were lots of people coming up here, looking to do work on their property, but because of everything that was going on in the world [suppliers] couldn't keep up... Things have somewhat gotten back to normal now."

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Haliburton County's not-for-profit community radio station is hosting its annual Radiothon this weekend to keep local music, news and announcements on. From July 8 to 10, listeners can bid on dozens of auction items online or by tuning in to the station for "pop up" auctions, with things such as golf games, local store gift cards and food packages up for grabs. On-air auction items are also available for callers to bid on, including a five-piece dining set, a one-day rental of a Sea-Doo or Skidoo and two, seven-gear bicycles. It's the 14th year CanoeFM has hosted a Radiothon. Call the station at 705-457-1009 or visit canoe.fm to bid on auction items and to donate.

CanoeFM volunteers and staff have been preparing for their annual fundraiser. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

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The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands is submitting a By-law, to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002, that will repeal and replace By-law 2013-36 being a By-law to regulate cemeteries in the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Any interested parties may contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk, 705-489-2379 ext. 333 or email [dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca) for more information, or to receive a copy of the proposed By-law.

The By-law may be reviewed or copied at the Township's Administration Office at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

The proposed By-law will also be available on the Municipal website at <https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/residents/cemeteries.php>

The By-law is subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Telephone: Bereavement Authority of Ontario, 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2022.

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**July 30, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

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**Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m.**

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**Wednesdays:** Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall & bingo, doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. \$500 Jackpot last Wednesday of the month.

**Thursdays:** General meeting third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

**Fridays:** Cribbage 1 p.m. start in the Schofield Room; meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

**Saturdays:** 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each available in the Clubroom.

**Clubroom hours:** Mon 3-6 p.m., Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

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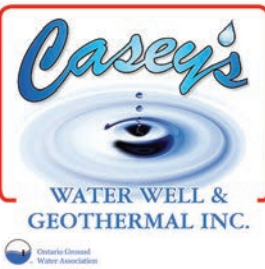
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### In Loving Memory of **Chester Wallace Howse**

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully in his sleep on Thursday morning, June 30, 2022 in 85th year. Loving husband and best friend of Barbara Wood (nee Reid) and the late Shirley Howse (nee Bishop). Cherished father of Heather Sferriano. Fondly remembered by his grandson Adam. Dear brother of Claude (Karen) and Ethel. Predeceased by his brothers Roy, Albert, sisters Ida, Edna and by his son in law Bill. Also lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Chester worked for DeHavilland Aircraft now known as Bombardier for many years. Chester was actively involved in the Community. He served as an Officer of the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton and was President of the Haliburton Curling Club for many years. He was instrumental in having the airplane at the entrance to Haliburton restored. Chester enjoyed golf, curling and spending time with his circle of friends at the Legion.

#### Visitation & Celebration of Life

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday morning, July 5, 2022 for a Celebration of Chester's life at 12 o'clock. (Visitation two hours prior). At the family's request, please wear a mask. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



### In Loving Memory of **John James (Jim) Gilligan**

1936 - 2022

Born in Mattawa, Ontario, James was raised on the Gilligan family farm with his twin, Gerald, and younger siblings, Bartley, Lillian, Bernard and Mark. A shy Jim married Eleanor Manze in 1960 and they soon welcomed four children. He is survived by his devoted wife and children Erin (Eric), Shaun (Tina), Shari (Dave) and Jill. Jim leaves behind three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his grandson, Casey.

In 1968, James moved to Minden with the purchase of his own farm. From the first two cows, Jim expanded his herd to Charolais cattle and enjoyed actively raising and breeding them. Jim enjoyed a varied career including working as a North Bay City police officer, a book keeper, a realtor and a farmer. Of all his jobs, he most loved beef farming. He said it was "in his blood".

In his later years, James enjoyed looking out over his fields, listening to the birds sing and petting his dog, Roxy. He was a lifelong Catholic and a member of Our Lady of Fatima church.

After a brief stay, Jim passed away at Ross Memorial Hospital on June 30th. Sincere thanks to the staff of Surgical North and Dr. Francis who took very good care of him during his stay.

Due to the current COVID situation, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or Ross Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



### In Loving Memory of **Carl Smith**

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday morning, July 2, 2022, in his 80th year. Beloved husband of Leona Smith (nee Milburn). Loving father of Greg (Stephanie), Darryl and Carlene (Gary). Loving Poppa to Christian, Cole, Thomas, Jonathan, Victoria, Jordan, Lexi and Jason. Dear brother of Les. Predeceased by his brothers Ron, Cecil, Ray, Wes, Jerry, John and by his sisters Doris, Violet, Betty, and Shirley. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Carl worked at General Motors for 37.8 years. He enjoyed the Haliburton Highlands, loved working in the bush, but most of all spending time with his grandkids, friends, and his family.

#### Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday afternoon, July 4, 2022, for a Funeral Service at 2 p.m. (Visitation two hours prior). At the family's request, please wear a mask. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.



### In Loving Memory of **Neil Meisenheimer**

Passed away suddenly at home on Monday, July 4, 2022. At the age of 71.

Loving partner of Mary. Dear father of Bill and Chantal, Adam and Julie. Papa Neil of Savannah, Macee, Carmyn, Amelia, Kenny, Blake, and Abigail. Stepfather to Jennifer and Jim and papa Neil of Moira and Cara. Dear brother of Anita (deceased) and Keith. Fondly remembered by Maxine Snell.

Neil will be sadly missed by his birds, chipmunks, and deer that he enjoyed feeding for many years.

A Private Family Celebration will take place at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



### In Loving Memory of **Ruby Greer (nee Farrow)**

(Resident of Coboconk, Ontario)

Peacefully at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Saturday evening, July 2, 2022 in her 81st year. Beloved wife of Laverne Greer. Loving mother of Barb (Bill), Randy (Heather), Debbie (Wyatt), Kim (Reid), Tammy (Brian) and Tim. Fondly remembered by her many grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Dear sister of Isabel. Predeceased by her sister Lois. Ruby enjoyed bingo, bowling, music and most of all being with her family.

#### Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 6644 Hwy. #35, Coboconk, Ontario (705) 454-3913 on Thursday morning, July 7, 2022 for a Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). At the family's request, please wear a mask. A Private Family Interment will follow at Pine Grove Cemetery, Norland. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Summitt Wellness Centre in Coboconk would be appreciated by the family.



### In Loving Memory of **Stanley "Stan" Fisher**

June 27, 2022

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

STANLEY (Stan) REGINALD FISHER, 77, of Haliburton, ON, passed away at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Hospital in the early hours of June 27th after suffering a stroke. Stan was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Irene (nee Gaffield) Fisher. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Irene (nee Davidson) Fisher, and their two children, Charlene of Georgetown, ON and Craig (Stephanie) of Sherwood Park, AB, his brother Brian (Joyce) of Tallahassee, FL, and three grandchildren Rebecca, Cole and Chanté, as well as many loving friends and other family members. Stan was an avid photographer and a member of the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club. Anyone who knew Stan, knew him as a kind, loving man. He had a wonderful sense of humour and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Stan loved to travel and was fortunate to have travelled with his wife throughout most of Canada, much of the United States with their 5th Wheel, Barbados, and several other places such as Scotland, Ireland, Amsterdam, Germany, Greece, and Paris, to name a few. We are grateful for Dr. Gilmore's care and for the compassionate team of nurses (Angel, Thalia and Mandy) at the HHHS Hospital, who ensured that Stan was comfortable in his final days.

#### Visitation & Celebration Of Life

A Celebration of Stan's life was held at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday afternoon, July 6, 2022 at 2 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Interment later Evergreen Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family.



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OBITUARIES



**Joseph (Joe) Mahdessian**  
1962-2022

It is with great sadness to announce the sudden death of Joe Mahdessian, on July 1st, 2022. Born January 2, 1962 in Beirut, Joe immigrated to Canada at the age of 3. His parents set roots in Mississauga, where Joe attended school and started his career, purchased his home and raised his family. Joe moved to Ingoldsby in March of 2020 where he bought his dream house along with his wife of 7 years, Cindy Vasey. Retiring in January 2022 after 31 years with Gardaworld, Joe took on the role of 'community driver' for SIRCH in Haliburton County. This was a dream job for Joe, allowing him to engage with so many people and to make an impact on the lives in the community that he loved so much. Joe also loved his neighbors, friends, business associates, and family.

Joe is survived by his wife Cindy, his children Chantelle (Troy), and Alex (Alyssa); stepchildren Joshua and Noelle; May Chaaya (mother of his children); brothers Simon (Mary), and Peter (Fina); brothers-in-law Doug Vasey (Dianne) Greg Vasey (Khris); sister-in-law Jill Vasey (Marc); nieces and nephews Michael, Kristyn (Mike), Matthew, and Nathan. He leaves behind many aunts, uncles and cousins. (Joe's parents Sebou (Sam) Mahdessian and Nabila Mahdessian passed July 1, 2022.)

Donations can graciously be made to SIRCH in Haliburton.



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Lucas Joseph Grant Mayhew**  
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, July 2, 2022, in his 32nd year. Cherished fiancé of Virginia Wood and special friend to stepson Tegan Wood. Beloved son of Tim & Jackie Mayhew. Devoted brother of Josh (LeeAnna) and Jillian (Justin Leavitt). Adoring Uncle "Uke" to Mya & Iva Mayhew. Fondly remembered by his grandparents Don & Evelyn Mayhew and predeceased by Grant & Iris Clement; beloved nephew of Deborah Dack, Karen & Norm Perrott, Terry & Joy Mayhew, Kathy Francis and predeceased by Uncle Tom Mayhew. Special nephew to Laurie (Peter Johnson) and Edna McBurney (Paul Dyer). Luke had so many people in his corner his entire life from his cousins, great aunts and uncles, friends, educators, work associates and those in the Community.

**Visitation & Funeral Service**

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday evening, July 7, 2022 from 6-8 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday morning, July 8, 2022 in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). At the family's request, please wear a mask. Unfortunately, Lucas did not have life insurance. Should you feel led to give, there is a Go Fund Me open that is endorsed by his family. Link <https://gofund.me/1e1b06b2> Alternately reach out to a member of Luke's family for other options.



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QUALIFICATIONS

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- Willingness to enroll in the Ontario LTC Medical Director certificate course within first year as a Medical Director with Extendicare
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Across

- 1 Nonsense refrain in a Beatles song

7 Legal ruling based on prior decisions

14 Add a little spice

15 100 centesimos, pre-euro

16 The ill-equipped locksmith in the orchestra ...

18 Words before a grad year

19 Son of Seth, in Genesis

21 "The Goddess of Pop"

22 The irate complainer in the orchestra .....

26 Playboy boss Hugh, for short

27 Danson or Dekker

28 Helen Reddy's "\_\_\_ Woman"

29 Greek letter symbolizing torque

30 Trooper producer

32 Rudely rebuffs

34 The fired street cop in the orchestra .....

38 "Quarter after" clock number

39 Deceitfully deprive (of)

42 \_\_\_ system (blood typing method)

45 Charged atom

46 Speaker vol. units

48 Uncertain ending

49 The reluctant nondrinker in the orchestra .....

52 Late "Jeopardy!" host Trebek

53 Big Turk

54 Mopped, as the deck

56 The softball lobber in the orchestra .....

61 Given a Juno or Oscar

62 Masonry goo

63 Atwood title with a feline reference

64 Springtime meals with matzoh

Down

- 1 \_\_\_ Kosh B'gosh (clothing brand)

2 Sand castle sites

3 Soup scoop serving

4 "\_\_\_ Is Born"

- 5 Dumb quotes from Homer?

6 Existing, in Latin

7 Touristy isle off Greece

8 "It's \_\_\_-win situation"

9 Red Chamber worker: Abbr.

10 '50s film star Taina

11 Gave a Facebook thumbs-up

12 Retort to "Am so!"

13 "The \_\_\_ Pilgrim" (classic prayer manual)

17 Golfer's iron alternative

20 Van. sch. named for an explorer

21 Ho \_\_\_ Minh City

23 "Quarter to" clock number

24 Smear with plaster or mud

25 Sets firmly, as in concrete

27 Twerked body part, casually

31 Lightning zap, in "B.C." comics

32 Female subject, at times

33 \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil

35 Crushed underfoot, with "on"

36 "... \_\_\_ big fat hen" (counting rhyme)

37 Place to go in Paris?

- 40 Pre-owned Pinto, say

41 Follow-up to pls.

42 "I \_\_\_ Rock" (Paul Simon song)

43 Quarter Pounder's heftier cousin

44 Ontario G.M. factory city, till 2019

46 "Hi and Lois" canine

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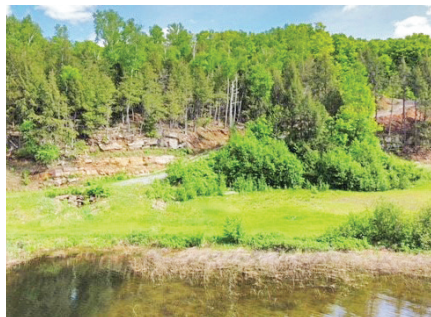
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